GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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CONTAINERIZATION OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a new-high powered Committee to study various aspects of containerization at all ports;

(b) if so,the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the recommendations;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for containerization of ports in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The Government of India has set up two High Powered Committees to study various aspects of container handling facilities in the Major Ports located on the Eastern and Western Coast of the country.The Committees will,inter-alia,look into:

(i) the infrastructure facilities for handling containers at Major Ports,
(ii) identification of bottlenecks and problems of congestion,
(iii) explore areas of improvement in the entire logistic chain,and
(iv) recommend short-term and long-term measures to meet the challenges of increased container traffic.

(c): The direct to destination container cargo handled by the Major Ports has shown a steady increase and during 2007-08, the percentage stood at 67.81%.At Jawaharlal Nehru Port, which has a maximum share of the container cargo handled by the Major Ports, the percentage of direct to destination cargo was 90.88% in 2007-08. To cater to the future requirements of container trade in the country, Project have been awarded for development of for (i) International Container Transshipment Terminal at Cochin Port,(ii) Second Container Terminal at Chennai Port,(iii) two offshore Container Terminals at Mumbai Port.In addition,a number of container terminals are in the pipeline to be built through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at various Major Ports.Some of the projects which are in the pipeline are shown below:

(i) Container Terminal at Ennore Port Ltd..
(ii) Mega Container Terminal at Chennai Port.
(iii) Container Terminal at Tuticorin Port.
(iv) Container Terminal at Diamond Harbour in Kolkata Port.
(v) Container Terminal north of Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port.
(vi) Fourth Container Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port.